

Downingtown Area Historical Society *History Notes*

Interesting bits of Downingtown area history

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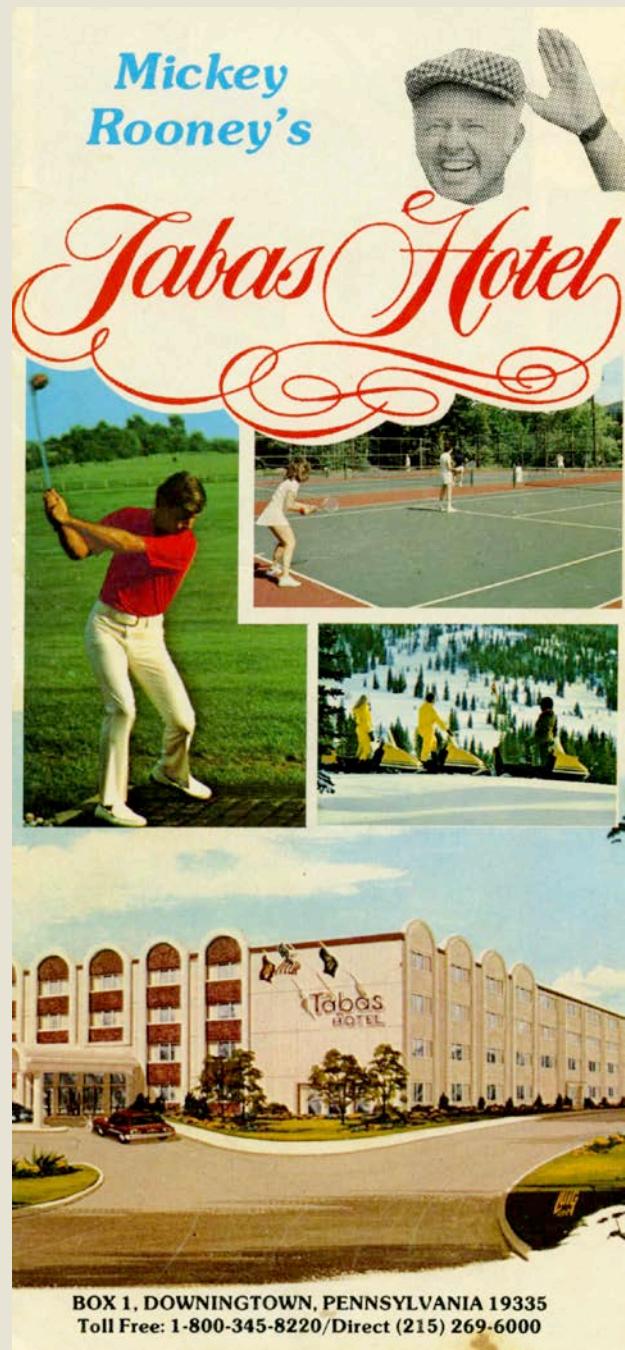
Mickey Rooney's Tabas Hotel

It wasn't in business very long – about 15 years – but anyone who regularly traveled along Lancaster Avenue east of Downingtown will remember Mickey Rooney's large face with green hat affixed to the Tabas Hotel. Rooney didn't own the hotel (though he may have owned a few shares). It was owned by brothers Daniel and Charles Tabas who opened the hotel in March 1981.

Daniel Tabas met Rooney in England during World War Two. Years later, when Rooney was performing at the Valley Forge Music Fair, he came to see the Tabas' at their Downingtown Inn and Resort (where Brandywine Square Shopping Center is now located) and from that point forward Rooney's name became associated with the Tabas family.

In 1976, the Tabas' relinquished the Downingtown Inn's operation and management to Ramada but remained the largest shareholders (in 1983 the family sold their shares in the Inn in exchange for Ramada stock). When they built their Tabas Hotel across Lancaster Avenue, Rooney's name was used to promote it (including two large wooden caricatures on the south and west sides of the hotel). After that, Rooney made frequent appearances in Downingtown.

Similar to the Downingtown Inn (which we hope to write about in the future) the Tabas Hotel was a destination resort or "vacation hotel." It had 358 rooms and a 500-seat dinner theater that featured the likes of Robert Goulet and Frankie Avalon. On site amenities included a restaurant called *Daniels*, bowling alleys, movie theater, video arcade, pool tables, swimming pools, saunas, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, and an indoor sports center where visitors could play shuffleboard, miniature golf, basketball, ping pong, and



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volleyball. The hotel also marketed its access to local golf courses. It's promotional materials noted local sightseeing, shopping and attractions including the Downingtown Farmer's Market (which was also owned by the Tabas'), Longwood Gardens, Valley Forge National Park, the Reading Outlets, and Amish Country.

Though successful early on, this type of hotel soon fell out of favor with vacationers. As was noted in one paper, "...people don't go to Downingtown for the weekend anymore." In 1994 the Downingtown Inn closed and was torn down. Two years later the Tabas Hotel closed. The Tabas family also sold the property where the Downingtown Farmers Market sat since the early 1950s. The hotel remained shuttered for several years until September 2000 when it re-opened to hundreds of visitors. The visitors this time were buyers as all the contents of the hotel, including the large wooden caricatures of Rooney, were being sold at auction.

The property was eventually sold. After an extensive renovation, the former hotel opened in 2004 as Ashbridge Manor Senior Living.

The advertisement above for the recently-opened Tabas Hotel appeared several times in the Philadelphia Inquirer during the summer of 1981. It's interesting how the image of an Amish man was used, but the resort did bill itself as being located "at the Eastern Gateway to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country." Also, the half-hour drive from Philadelphia to the Tabas Hotel as noted in the ad was perhaps a bit of a stretch. Below is a postcard image of the hotel.



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The brochure on the right promoted the food and night life at the Tabas Hotel. The advertisement at the bottom left from the *Pittsburgh Press* in 1984 promoted hotel amenities and local attractions. The advertisement for the hotel's restaurant *Daniels* appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in 1981.

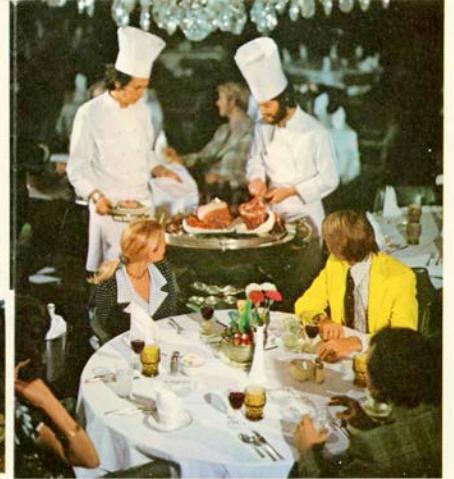
Elegant Wining & Dining



Chef Uwe



Gourmet dining at its best awaits you at the Tabas Hotel. Choose from a variety of many fine wines and superb dishes prepared especially for your pleasure by our imaginative chefs. Enjoy the elegant atmosphere as you dance or just relax as you dine.



and ah....the Night Life

The Mood is set for a fantastic evening with something for everyone. In our nightclub be entertained by such superstars as Frankie Avalon, Robert Goulet, Elke Sommers and many more. Also available are Hollywood movies, cocktail parties, dancing and nearby dinner theatre.





Mickey Rooney's TABAS RESORT HOTEL

FREE

GOLF! TENNIS! BOWLING!

FREE 8 Indoor & Outdoor Tennis Courts! **FREE** 4 Indoor Golf Tees! **FREE** Golf on Two 18-Hole Courses nearby! **FREE** Indoor Jogging & Walking Track! **FREE** 3 Racquetball Courts! **FREE** Miniature Golf! **FREE** Indoor Gym! **FREE** Indoor Roller Skating nearby! **FREE** Indoor Pool! **FREE** Outdoor Pool! **FREE** 40-Lanes Regulation Bowling Center! **FREE** Broadway Musical Dinner Theatre nearby! **FREE** Sauna! **FREE** Indoor Regulation Basketball! **FREE** Cocktail Parties! Dancing Orchestras! **FREE** Night Club Entertainment! Gourmet Cuisine!

Reserve Now! Call 215-878-7905

MICKEY ROONEY'S

Tabas Hotel

Only 2 Hours from N.Y.C. on U.S. Rte. 30. Exit 23 Penna. Tpke.
Box 13, Downingtown, Pa. 19335. 1-215-269-6000. Free Brochure

Last Sunday night there were 92 cars from New York parked outside the new Tabas Hotel.



Can the food be that good?

Well, let's put it this way. Steak Diane Flambé. Lobster Tail Diablo. Fruit De Mer Daniel. Chateaubriand Flambé. Tournedos Chez Daniel. Look good? There's more. The dining room has crystal chandeliers. And huge, roomy chairs at each table. And candlelight. A Pianist. Dancing. No wonder New Yorkers are driving 2½ hours to dine at Daniel's. You can make it in about 30 minutes. By the way, only our food and atmosphere are luxurious. Our prices are not.

For reservations call (215) 269-6000

Daniel's

RESTAURANT AT THE TABAS HOTEL
Downingtown, Pa. 19335

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Mickey's Rooney's caricature remained on the Tabas Hotel long after it closed (right). We have heard that it might still be somewhere in the area. Below left is the menu of room service at the hotel. Bottom right were the prices for accommodations by season.

Breakfast 8:00 to 10:00 Min. Charge \$5.00 per Pers.

Continental Breakfast	4.95
Chilled Juice,	
Danish, Croissant, Muffin, Toast,	
Butter, Preserves, Hot Coffee	
Choice of Crisp Cereals	2.25
Two Eggs, any Style,	5.95
With Bacon, Ham, or Sausage,	
Home fried Potatoes	
Hot Coffee, Tea, Sanka or Milk	
The Finest Chilled Juices	1.50

Appetizers for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Smoked Nova Scotia Salmon	10.95
Panamanian Shrimp Cocktail	8.95
Marinated Bismarck Herring	5.95
Fresh Fruit Cup Supreme	3.95
Iced Seasonal Melon	3.95
Assorted Juices	1.50

Lunch 11:00 to 2:00 Min. Charge \$10.00 per Pers.

Grilled Prime Rib Steak Sandwich	12.95
Crisp Cold Chef Salad Bowl Julienne ..	7.95
Broiled Fresh Fish of the Day	10.95
Daniel's Club Sandwich Deluxe	6.95
Entrees Served with Vegetable, Potato, Freshly Baked Bread and Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee, Milk	

Dinner 5:00 to 9:00 Min. Charge \$20.00 per Pers.

Filet Mignon Cafe de Paris	25.00
Broiled Spring Chicken, Currant Jelly ..	20.00
Fisherman's Fresh Catch of the Day ..	20.00
Chateaubriand Bouquetiere for two	45.00
Roast Rack of Lamb Provencale for two ..	45.00
Broiled New York Sirloin Steak	25.00
Entrees Served with Vegetable, Potato, Freshly Baked Bread and Butter, Salad Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee, or Milk	

Room Service Charge 10%



Tabas Hotel

MICKEY'S BIRTHDAY **TABAS HOTEL'S ANNIVERSARY**

WE'RE CELEBRATING With Great Specials All Year

RATES PER PERSON, PER NIGHT, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, 2 NIGHT MINIMUM

Includes 2 Gourmet Meals Daily, Sumptuous Breakfast and Full Course Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS	JAN - FEB MARCH - APRIL NOV - DEC	MAY - JUNE SEPTEMBER OCTOBER	JULY - AUGUST AND HOLIDAYS	
I. ONE QUEEN SIZE BED with plush wall-to-wall carpeting, large vanity, AM-FM radio, color TV, totally climate controlled.	\$59.	\$69.	\$79.	
II. TWO QUEEN SIZE BEDS in deluxe room with posh carpeting, and all the amenities, plus stereo AM-FM radio, color TV, and with total climate control.	\$65.	\$75.	\$85.	
III. TWO QUEEN SIZE BEDS Pool View. Deluxe room with posh carpeting, and all the amenities, plus stereo AM-FM radio, color TV, and with total climate control.	\$69.	\$79.	\$89.	
IV. LANAI ROOMS Poolside luxury. Offering the ultimate in comfort, with private furnished patio, complete with tropical landscaping.	\$75.	\$89.	\$99.	
V. V.I.P. SUITE Executive living at its finest, including a hospitality kitchen and a guest bar, with a separate lavishly appointed bedroom. Complimentary amenities.	\$89.	\$99.	\$125.	
ADD TO RATES ABOVE FRI & SAT NIGHTS	5.00	10.00	15.00	
ADDITIONAL PERSONS IN SAME ROOM	AGES 3 TO 12	25.00	30.00	35.00
	OVER 12	39.00	49.00	55.00

Mickey's Birthday Gift
★ Free Room Upgrade ★
MINIMUM 3 NIGHT STAY
YEAR ROUND —
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Tabas Hotel's Anniversary Gift
★ Free Night Stay ★
WHEN YOU STAY 4 NIGHTS —
5TH NIGHT FREE INCLUDING MEALS
AVAILABLE MAY THRU OCTOBER
(Restrictions Apply)

UP TO \$156.00 VALUE
UP TO \$250.00 VALUE

1 PROMOTION APPLICABLE PER STAY

Downingtown Then & Now

Then – The Tabas Hotel as it looked in the 1980s (taken from a Tabas Hotel brochure).

Now – Taken recently from the same spot showing Ashbridge Manor Senior Living.



Downingtown Did-You-Know?

Did you know that among the ordinances enacted by the Borough of Downingtown soon after it was incorporated in 1859 was one specifically for property owners along Lancaster Avenue? The ordinance stated that gates must be hinged so as to open inward toward the home or business. If the gate opened outward toward the street a pulley with enough weight or a spring must be used to keep the gate closed at all times. In addition, the ordinance also stated that hitching posts must be painted white or "whitewashed sufficiently to keep them white."

Telegraph poles that were installed along sidewalks within the Borough limits were also required to be painted white up to eight feet high by the telegraph company.

The fine for failure to keep the gate requirements or to keep one's hitching post white was \$5.



Downingtown Area Group Photo

The photograph below shows a group of fourth graders behind West Ward School in 1942. The photograph was provided by Don Greenleaf who is the first one on the left. Next to him is Bill Davis. Also pictured are Lucy DiCarlo (4th from left), Doris Chaffee (5th), George Eachus (6th), Fred Seibert (8th), Pete Hayes (15th) and Louise Bartalomo (16th).



Ashbridge Artifact

On this page is the 1950 Downingtown Little League schedule and rosters for the league's four teams. The team sponsors were the Loyal Order of Moose, St. Anthony's Lodge, Pepperidge Farm, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

With only four teams, each team played all the other teams six times during the season. Games were played on Pennsylvania Avenue where St. Joseph School was later built (now Brandywine Grace Church).

DOWNINGTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE & TEAM ROSTERS

1950 Season

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Little League shall be to firmly implant in the boys of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier boys and will grow to be good, clean, healthy men.

The objective will be achieved by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The supervisors shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the moulding of future men of prime importance.

SPONSORS
LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE #1153
ST. ANTHONY'S LODGE
PEPPERIDGE FARM, INC.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

GAME TIME

All games called at 6:30 P. M. on the Downingtown Little League diamond, Pennsylvania Avenue.

Postponed games will be played in order on the first open Friday evening or Saturday afternoon.

All league games will be six inning games. Four complete innings shall constitute a game, but if the team second at bat has more runs at the end of its third inning or before the completion of its fourth than the team first at bat has made in four times at bat, it shall be a regulation game.

***** LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

BUS PHILLIPS, Manager

RUSSELL DAVIS, Asst. Manager

No.	Name	League	Age
15	Michael Sciarretta	12	
7	George Forbes	12	
9	Adam Graveno	11	
8	Robert Suter	11	
6	Roger Manley	11	
12	Paul Fidler	12	
14	Edward Aumiller	11	
2	Henry Reutter	10	
1	Larry Dampman	10	
10	Charles Garnett	10	
5	Charles Clayton	10	
11	James DiSante	11	
3	Donald White	9	
4	Champ Stehman	10	
13	Thomas Woodward	12	
	John Lammey, Jr.	9	
	Frank Marcocci	9	
	Robert Wright	11	

ST. ANTHONY'S LODGE

YERKES PEOPLES, Manager

PHIL BURNS, Asst. Manager

PEPPER PETRELLA, Asst. Manager

No.	Name	League	Age
6	Donald Miley	12	
13	Ralph Dunmore	10	
10	Ernest DiEugenio	10	
12	Joe Mingione	12	
2	Geddy Manzi	12	
9	Robert L. Hamilton	11	
7	Allan Hughes	10	
15	Carl Smith	12	
14	William Stringer	11	
1	Robert McClure	10	
5	Richard Himelwright	10	
4	Richard Keers	11	
8	Wilson Pollock, Jr.	10	
3	William Bird	12	
11	Teddy Thompson	10	
	David D'Attilio	10	
	Joseph Bonaduce	10	
	William Bixler	11	

***** FIRST HALF OF SEASON

JUNE

- 10—Pepperidge vs. Moose
- 10—Vets vs. St. Anthony's
- 12—Pepperidge vs. Vets
- 13—Moose vs. St. Anthony's
- 14—St. Anthony's vs. Pepperidge
- 15—Vets vs. Moose
- 19—Moose vs. Pepperidge
- 20—St. Anthony's vs. Vets
- 21—Vets vs. Pepperidge
- 22—St. Anthony's vs. Moose
- 26—Pepperidge vs. St. Anthony's
- 27—Moose vs. Vets
- 28—Pepperidge vs. Moose
- 29—Vets vs. St. Anthony's

JULY

- 3—Moose vs. St. Anthony's
- 5—Pepperidge vs. Vets
- 6—St. Anthony's vs. Pepperidge
- 10—Vets vs. Moose

***** SECOND HALF OF SEASON

JULY

- 17—Moose vs. Pepperidge
- 18—St. Anthony's vs. Vets
- 19—Vets vs. Pepperidge
- 20—St. Anthony's vs. Moose
- 24—Pepperidge vs. St. Anthony's
- 25—Moose vs. Vets
- 26—Pepperidge vs. Moose
- 27—Vets vs. St. Anthony's
- 31—Pepperidge vs. Vets

AUGUST

- 1—Moose vs. St. Anthony's
- 2—St. Anthony's vs. Pepperidge
- 3—Vets vs. Moose
- 7—St. Anthony's vs. Vets
- 8—Moose vs. Pepperidge
- 9—Vets vs. Pepperidge
- 10—St. Anthony's vs. Moose
- 14—Pepperidge vs. St. Anthony's
- 15—Moose vs. Vets

***** PEPPERIDGE FARM, INC.

JOHN DONOFRIO, Manager

DOMENICK ORE, Asst. Manager

FRANCIS TWEED, Asst. Manager

No.	Name	League	Age
1	Nip Westmoreland	11	
2	Gerald Williams	10	
3	Mike Moyer	10	
4	Steve Fusco	9	
5	Timmy Tweed	10	
6	Jimmy Charles	11	
7	Lou Landino	9	
8	Charles Henry	10	
9	William Davis	10	
10	George Yocum	11	
11	Bobby Simmons	11	
12	Clarke Cornell	11	
13	Donald Mull	12	
14	John Chilla	12	
15	Robert Hamilton	12	
	Dennis Myers	8	
	Tom Gasbarro	9	
	Gerald Lammy	9	

VETERANS FOREIGN WARS

CHAD CAMPBELL, Manager

DON GREENLEAF, Asst. Manager

JACK HELMS, Asst. Manager

No.	Name	League	Age
3	Ailan Lammey	10	
12	Lloyd Price	12	
1	Francis Valentino	11	
5	John Bousum	11	
15	Robert Thomas	10	
6	Tom Lee	12	
2	Tom Brookover	11	
13	Harry Watson	11	
4	Harry Flinn	11	
14	John Hostetter	10	
8	Charles Berstler	12	
11	Jim Mahan	9	
9	Jackie Lyons	10	
7	John Nelson	10	
10	Robert McNamara	9	
	John Petrella	8	
	Keith A. Howe	9	
	Page Brown	12	

Last Issue's Mystery Pic

No one identified the location of last issue's Mystery Pic (right), but at the time we didn't know where it was taken either! The image of this schoolhouse was taken on January 4, 1948 the day after an ice storm. On the back of the photograph was written "Hause's School" or "House's School." But that's all we had to go on. We were hoping at least one reader would know for sure and we could then verify the location.

Since old schoolhouses in the area have a similar look, we received many responses. However, for each guessed location there were elements of the schoolhouse that didn't match the photograph. We then posted the image on our Facebook page and continued to get many good responses, though again, none matched exactly. But several responses to our Facebook post focused on a "Hause's School" which was located somewhere near the intersection of Conestoga Turnpike (Route 401) and Creamery Road in East Nantmeal Township. We found an early map (1873) that showed a schoolhouse on Conestoga Pike called "Hause's School House" but the location didn't match the photograph. After some more research we found a USGS map that showed the schoolhouse on Marsh Road just south of its intersection with Conestoga Pike.



Based on current maps, we found that the old schoolhouse was still standing and was a private home. Google Street View often provides a quick verification of existing sites, but Marsh Road was not on Street View. We went to the location and took a few photographs, including the one above taken from the approximate same location as our Mystery Pic, and it was a match!

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Below, the top image on the left was taken at the same time as our Mystery Pic but from a different position. The top image on the right was taken recently from a similar angle.

The map below is from 1873 and shows a Hause's School House on the north side of the Conestoga Turnpike. The 'X' is where our Mystery Pic schoolhouse sits. We were also told that our subject schoolhouse is pictured on page 84 of Stuart Quillman's 1993 book *History of the Conestoga Turnpike* where the caption identifies it as the Marsh School. Quillman also noted that the school was open between 1902 and 1958. So were there two schoolhouses in the area attributed to Hause? Was our subject schoolhouse known as both Hause's and Marsh at different times? The mystery has been solved but there are still some questions.

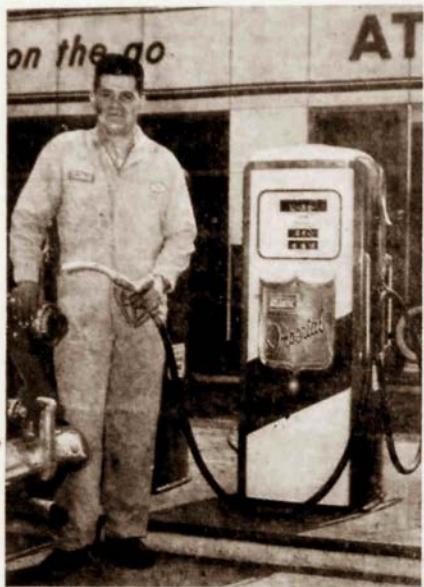


Downingtown Vintage Ad

This ad for the grand opening of **Miller's Atlantic Service Station** appeared in the April 25, 1957 issue of the *Downingtown Archive*. Miller's was located on the southeast corner of East Lancaster and Whiteland Avenues where Bruno's Sunoco Station is now located.

ROBERT L. MILLER Invites you to his

GRAND OPENING



Gifts FOR ALL
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
APRIL
26 &
27



MILLER'S ATLANTIC SERVICE

Lincoln Highway & Whiteland Ave., Downingtown, Pa.
Andrews 9-2424

In The (Old) News – Items that Made Headlines Back in the Day

1886 – On July 12, John Marshall of West Chester drove out to Marshallton with his family. While hitching his horse in the village he was attacked by a cow. The animal knocked him down then tossed him into the air. Marshall landed on his back in much pain. The cow "seemed satisfied in having thus ceremoniously lifted Mr. Marshall and ran out the Strasburg Road at a rapid gait."

1928 – On August 23, work started on what would become Route 322 between Downingtown and West Chester. Dalton Brothers of Paoli were the contractors constructing the 20-foot wide, 6-mile long concrete road which was intended to create a cutoff between the two towns and relieve congestion on the Lincoln Highway (Route 30).

1945 – On May 19, it was reported that Private William Swift of Downingtown was "undressed" by Japanese gunfire in the Philippines while trying to pull a wounded comrade to safety. Smith was in a spot where the Japanese could not see him when his fellow soldier was wounded. He ran out of his hiding place to save him when he himself took fire from the enemy. The first shot tore off part of his pants and the next two went through the back of his jacket. The following two shots missed but the final shot took part of his boot heel off. He was able to pull the wounded man to safety.

East Brandywine Historic Commission Program

Sunday, March 15, 3:30 p.m. -

"Aren't You Hot in Those Clothes?"

Have you ever seen women and men at reenactments and historic sites dressed up in clothing of another time period and wondered just how they were tolerating the heat of a summer day in that getup? This lighthearted presentation will explain the whys and wherefores of clothing worn during the 1700s.

Elizabeth Bertheaud is the Historic Site Administrator for Ephrata Cloister, 632 West Main Street in Ephrata. Started in 1732 the community's unique lifestyle allowed the creation of incredible architecture, original music, significant publications, and remarkable art.

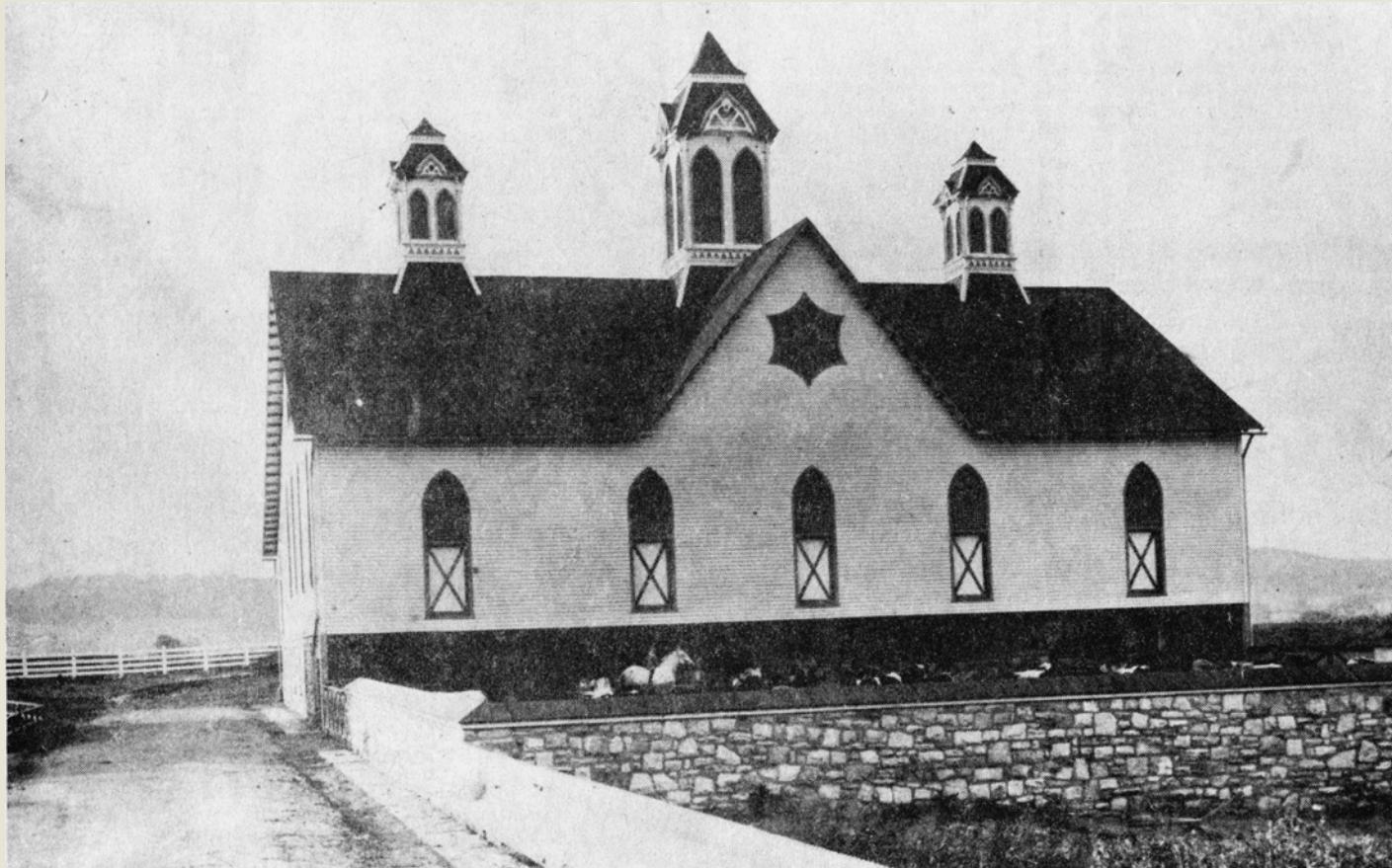
Programs are held at the East Brandywine Township Building on Route 322 in Guthriesville.

Thank You!

We would like to personally thank **Don Greenleaf** and **Lynn Uhler** for their recent donations to the Historical Society. Over the past few months Don has donated items from his father's (Ray Greenleaf) pharmacy that was located where the Station Taproom is now. Don also donated his father's old home movies and gave us (or let us scan) some of his family's photographs. Lynn recently donated a table that we requested in a recent History Notes for our new file room. It fits perfectly in the space where we needed it to go. Thank you, Don and Lynn!

Downingtown Area Mystery Pic

Can you identify the location in this photograph? The first person to correctly identify the location of this photo will be recognized as a truly perceptive scholar. Please send your response to: dahs19335@gmail.com.



Advertisements for Non-Profits

West Caln Historical Society

The West Caln Historical Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7 P.M. in the West Caln Municipal Building, 721 West Kings Highway, Wagontown, PA on the subject of: **History of Mt. Airy Lavender Farm in Wagontown.** The speaker will be JoAnne Voelcker, farmer and co-owner. Meetings are free and open to the public. If you would choose to join, the yearly dues are only \$10.00 for individual or family.

Central Presbyterian Church Community Luncheon

Central Presbyterian Church, 100 W Uwchlan Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335, holds a monthly Community Luncheon on the first Thursday of each month, October through May from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Their ever-popular chili, chicken corn noodle, vegetable beef, and cream of potato soups are sold along with sandwiches, salad platters, homemade desserts and beverages. Gluten free options are available. For take out service, call 610-269-1576 and ask for the kitchen. Bring a friend, meet a neighbor, or come alone and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania

The Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, an education and support group for patients and caregivers who have been affected by Lyme Disease will meet on the following dates in 2020: January 15, April 15, June 17, and October 21. Meetings are at the Kennett Friends Meeting House on PA Rt 82 (125 W. Sickle St., Kennett Square, PA 19348). Meetings are free and all are welcome. Check www.lymepa.org for directions.

Chester County Marine Corps League Detachment

BINGO on the first and third Saturday of every month, 420 Chestnut Street. Public welcome. Kitchen opens at 5:30, Bingo Cards on sale at 6:00, Early Bird Special 6:30. Food is available for purchase. Funds used by the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary to help veterans from all branches of the service as well as others in the community.

Greater Downingtown Business and Professional Women (BPW)

Meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday evening, at 6 pm, in the Thorndale Inn for a dinner, networking, program and meeting. All area women are welcome. Most nights there is a program such as a speaker. Call Cindy Markley for your reservation for dinner at 610-363-1404. We meet each month from September to June.

Joseph's People, Downingtown chapter

An ecumenical support mission to help unemployed or underemployed people. The group is entirely conducted by volunteers and has been at St. Joseph's since 1995. Meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. All are welcome. Visit web page, <http://josephspeople.org/our-chapters/downingtown/>, or just come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room behind the school, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Call 610-873-7117. Leave Message. Leader: Cheryl Spaulding, Email: cheryl.spaulding@josephspeople.org.

Historical Society's Wish List

The Downingtown Area Historical Society is a non-profit organization proudly maintaining the 311-year-old Ashbridge House and a large archives. The society can always use gifts in kind with an immediate need for:

- General household items and tools including:
 - Spade shovel
 - Light bulbs
 - Paper towels
 - Large and small trash bags
- Amazon gift cards or gift cards to Home Depot or Lowes. Sometimes we need to make quick purchases so gift cards would come in very handy.

To make a tax-deductible cash donation, use this link
or send a check to the address below. Thank you!



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